



Introduction

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What Is Covered

The ECM covers information about PPQ's EXCERPT, and provides the methods and procedures for certifying plants and plant products offered for export.

The manual supplements EXCERPT, an electronic data base that provides current information on the plant import requirements of foreign countries.

This manual is broadly divided into five major tabbed sections:

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Methods and Procedures
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The Introduction provides basic information about the ECM and EXCERPT. The information includes the basic policy about the project and training, what is covered in the ECM, its users, how to use it, related documents, and the protocol for reporting problems and asking questions.

The Methods and Procedures provide general guidelines for certifying plants and plant products offered for export. The guidelines include deciding to certify, determining import requirements, inspecting the plants or plant products, and preparing export certificates.

The Appendixes list information, such as Contact Point Officers, inspection certificates, charging user fees, certificates for protected plants, and Phytosanitary Notes. The Appendixes also provide information about the Federal/State cooperative program, mill certification programs, compliance agreements for cotton compresses and warehouses, memorandums of understanding, approved country names, emergency response procedures, and certification violations.

The Glossary defines specialized words, abbreviations, acronyms, and other terms used to certify plants and plant products for export.

What Is Not Covered

Not covered in the ECM are procedures for using EXCERPT or PCIT (Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance Tracking System)